

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) with roof (3) provided which at least in some areas has a flexible cover (6), which includes in ~~its~~a front roof area (7) a rigid area (8), ~~a so-called roof top, overlapped by a cover (6),~~ where the front roof area (7) can be stored in the same orientation as in the closed state in a body recess (9), which is bounded on the rear by an edge (11) serving as front edge of ~~the~~an additional body outer surface (24) extending to the rear, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (11) is preceded ~~at least in parts of its area~~ by a support step (16) for a flexible lining (15) running from edge (11) to an area of the roof (3), where said step is adapted to the contour of the edge.

2. (Original) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the support step (16) is designed as a one-piece molded part.

3. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) with a roof (3) provided which at least in some areas has a flexible cover (6), which includes in ~~its~~a front area (7), a rigid area (8) overlapped by ~~a~~the cover (6), ~~a so-called roof top,~~ where the front roof area (7) can be stored in a body recess (9) in the same orientation as in the ~~closed~~ opened state ~~in a body recess (9), wherein the body recess (9) which~~ is bounded rearward by an edge (11) serving as a front edge of ~~an~~the additional body outside surface (24) of a body (4) extending to the rear, ~~especially according to Claim 1,~~

characterized by the fact that ~~the flexible lining is~~ a textile curtain (15) extends between the body (4) and the roof (3).

wherein the curtain (15) which is fastened over almost the entire width of the recess (9), beneath the rear edge (11) of the recess (9), and is held, ~~on the other hand,~~ on an area of the roof (3) where, over at least part of an~~its~~ extent, it~~the~~ curtain (15) forms a surface (22) that is essentially horizontal, and is positioned elevated relative to ~~it~~the connection (21) of the curtain (15) to the body (4).

4. (Previously presented) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 2, **characterized by the fact** that a fastening device (23) for lining (15) is formed by the molded part in an area behind the support step (16).

5. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the lining (15) visually covers ~~the~~ gap (14) on the top between the edge (11) of auto body (4) and the opened roof (3).

6. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (11) of auto body (4) overall has a curved ~~shape~~trend, which includes the areas running forward to the vehicle sides in the direction of travel.

7. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 6, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (11) at least in ~~parts of its area~~portions is the front edge of a trunk lid (13).

8. (Currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (11) at least in ~~parts of its area~~portions is the front edge of a cross bar (25) of the body outer surface (24) arranged in front of a trunk lid (13).

9. (New) A roof (3), movable between an open and a closed position, for uncovering and covering a body recess (9) of a cabriolet vehicle (1), said roof (3) comprising:

a front roof area (7) having an outer surface (10) wherein the front roof area (7) extends to a rear edge (20);

an edge (11) bounding a back of the body recess (9);

the rear edge (20) and the edge (11) defining a gap (14) therebetween;

a support step (16) disposed in front of the edge (11) in a direction of travel (F);

a lining (15) extending between the support step (16) and the rear edge (20) of the front roof area (7) for covering the gap (14) such that the lining forms a horizontal surface (22) when the roof (3) is in the open position;

wherein the horizontal surface (22) of the lining (15) is generally the same height as the outer surface (10) of the front roof area (7) when the roof (3) is in the open position.

10. (New) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 9, wherein the front roof area (7) further includes a flexible cover (6), wherein the flexible cover (6) at least partially overlaps the front roof area (7).

11. (New) A roof, as set forth in claim 10, wherein the flexible cover (6) includes an upper section (6a) and a lower section (6c) and an intermediate section (6b) interconnects the upper section (6a) and the lower section (6c);

wherein the flexible cover (6) is foldable for storage in the open position within the body recess (9) such that the upper section (6a) is stored in a horizontal position above the lower section (6c) and the intermediate section (6b) interconnects the upper section (6a) and the lower section (6c) to form a Z-shape.